



Collective Community-Wide Visions for Wichita-Sedgwick County as of 2012

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Future public infrastructure and facility investment policies, priorities and decisions should be developed within the context of relevant community futures/visions for Wichita-Sedgwick County. The following four community-wide future vision statements have been validated through prior community engagement and planning initiatives and/or are endorsed by the Wichita and Sedgwick County governing bodies. They are considered relevant and appropriate to the development of the *Community Investments Plan* for Wichita-Sedgwick County.

***Project Downtown: The Master Plan for Wichita** (2010)**

"Downtown is a place that enables people to live, work, shop, play, and learn ... all within a short walk of each other. Downtown celebrates Wichita's rich history and vibrant future, and it invites people from every walk of life to share their sense of community. 150 years after Wichita took root here, Downtown is the reinvigorated heart of a region committed to a vital future."

***WAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035* (2010)**

"The region's multimodal transportation system in 2035 will be safe, efficient, accessible, and affordable."

***Visioneering Wichita Plan* (2009)**

"Before 2024, the Wichita MSA will:

- Be a leading community for retaining and expanding current businesses and creating and recruiting new businesses. (Economic Development)
- Have a globally competitive education system that encourages and supports life-long learning and contributes to the social, cultural and economic vitality of our diverse community. (Education)
- **Be a healthy, safe community that has a vibrant recreation, entertainment, arts and cultural focus that embraces diversity and builds pride***. (Quality of Life)
- Be a national model for effective, efficient, inclusive, accountable governments that are representative of the community's needs and desires. (Government)
- **Have adequate infrastructure to support downtown, urban and suburban neighborhoods that will enhance quality of life and promote economic development***. (Infrastructure)
- Be a community where citizens actively participate in public/private leadership that makes the Wichita MSA competitive regionally, nationally and globally. (Private Sector Leadership)"

***Bolded** items are related to land use and public infrastructure.

***Wichita Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan** (2008)**

"We envision an interconnected and accessible system of vibrant public spaces, friendly neighborhood parks, thriving natural areas and diverse recreation opportunities that make our city a healthy and active place in which to live, work and play."

*Adopted as an element of the current Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan



The Priority Project (2012)

The eight priorities for keeping south-central Kansas competitive for young people and jobs are:

1. *Create a regional network of bike and walk paths*
2. *Develop Arkansas River recreation*
3. **Develop more Downtown Wichita activities and events for individuals and families of all ages**
4. **Diversify our local economy by keeping industries already here and recruiting new jobs and industries**
5. Market our region so others companies and people know what we have to offer and want to come here
6. Offer internships for young people
7. **Increase the number of people in the region who advance their post-high school education, either through degrees, certificates or re-training opportunities**
8. *Have a reliable transportation/transit system to get people where they need to go*

The top three priorities to accomplish in the next three years are in bold

**Italicized items are related to land use and public infrastructure.*

NOTE: Various 'neighborhood-level' and 'area-based' community future vision statements have also been developed for Wichita-Sedgwick County. They are reflected in the following plans adopted as elements of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan:

Center City Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2000)
Hilltop Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2000)
Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2001)
Oaklawn/Sunview Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2002)
South Wichita-Haysville Area Plan (2002)
McAdams Neighborhood Plan (2003)
Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2004)
K-96 Corridor Economic Development Plan (2004)
21st Street North Corridor Revitalization Plan (2005)

Central Northeast Area Plan Update (2005)
South Central Neighborhood Plan (2006)
Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan (2007)
47th to 55th Street South Joint Area Plan (2008)
Derby-Mulvane Joint Area Plan (2010)